

REMARKS

Eighty-one claims were originally filed in the present Application and are currently are subject to a restriction requirement. Accordingly, claims 31-81 are withdraw herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that "Applicant is required . . . to elect a single disclosed Species for prosecution on the merits." The Examiner then indicates ten different embodiments that each have corresponding claims

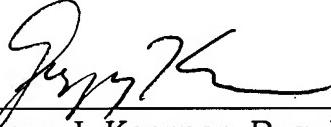
Applicants therefore elect Embodiment I comprising claims 1-30, and herein withdraws claims 31-81 of non-elected embodiments II-X. However, Applicants make the forgoing election with traverse. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks satisfy the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicants therefore request the Examiner to consider the elected claims so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner.

Summary

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks satisfy the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicants therefore request the Examiner to consider the elected claims so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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